

The 5M-2



FIRE UP



March 2014

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Editor **Bill Curtis,**

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 5M2



First Vice District Governor Harry Klenke



Leo Raven Blount (Write off winner) Lion Jim Spille



Lion Kevin, DG Joan Blank, Lion Cindy, ID Steve Glass



PID Wasserman, DG Blank, Vern and Darlene Breamer awarded the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, ID Steve Glass, PID Maynard Rucks.



PDG's Tom and Mary Ferleman 2nd Vice District Governor Marv & Evelyn Grimm



Lion Kevin and DG Joan Blank PDG Larry Meskan

Joan's Journal

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District Governor
 Joan's Journal



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 Joan Blank

When I visit a club I like to speak about "dreaming big", stretching yourself a little further to reach new goals or action plans and then sitting back to "enjoy the glow" of your good works. The 36th annual 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention is now past and since that time I have been sitting back and enjoying the glow of the good works from the committee and club members from Zone 9, along with many other Lions who were not on the committee, who made the convention a success. I cannot thank these dedicated Lions enough for their hard work and sunny dispositions during the whole convention. International Director Steve Glass stated during the convention that all Lions are leaders in their own way, and that couldn't be truer for everyone who had a part in the convention. A huge "thank you" also for all you Lions and guests who attended the convention. I am confident that you had a good time on Friday night and learned some new information from the seminars and from International Director Steve and his wife Lion Cindy that I hope you took back to your club. My only regret is that I did not have time to visit with each of you!

This winter has been long and challenging, but as Minnesotans, we do hold onto the promise of spring and it does always appear. I was delighted to see a robin the other day, singing its sweet song. With spring upon us and a change of seasons, it is also time to be thinking of a new slate of officers for the coming Lions year. Many Lions do not think they have the capabilities or time to take on a leadership role. As I have traveled around the district and visited Lions Clubs, I have seen firsthand that there are potential leaders within each club. As current club officers, we all need to be encouraging Lions to "stretch themselves a little further" to take on a new role or chair a project or be on a committee. **Every** Lion needs to feel useful and be a vital part of their own Lion Club family. This means that we not only need to encourage leadership, but we also need to mentor and support any Lion who is willing to volunteer to take a leadership role. The ballots of new officers should be brought to your March meeting and voted on at your April meeting. Secretaries – please remember to complete your **PU101** by **MAY 1st**.

Also on the horizon are the spring Zone meetings. Zone meetings are a great venue to socialize with other clubs, to hear what is going on within the zone and for District Governor Elect Harry Klenke to award the Zone Person of the Year. If you would like to see a special topic covered at a zone meeting, please contact your zone chair.

Lastly, one of my goals as a District Governor is "raising the bar" to have 50% of the clubs in 5M-2 attain the Club Excellence Award. Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communication and organizational management may qualify for this prestigious Excellence Award. This award has 7 areas that need to be met: Your club has to be in good standing; your club has participated in 3 service projects; your club has made a

donation to LCIF; your club has had a net growth of 1 member; your club publishes a newsletter or has had an article published in the local paper; your club has all officer positions filled; and lastly, your club has submitted all membership and activities reports in a timely fashion. I know that at least half of the clubs should qualify for this award. Please take advantage of earning this award.

District Governor

Joan's Jaunts

- March 2 – MD5M Convention Meeting, Westbrook, MN
- March 11 – Watertown Lions Club Meeting
- March 14/15 – Council of Governors Meeting, Brooklyn Park
- March 17 – Nicollet Lions Club
- March 18 – Zone 1 Meeting, Stewart
- March 20 – Prior Lake Lions Club Meeting
- March 24 - Zone 3 Meeting, Shakopee
- March 25 – Zone 7 Meeting, Mankato
- March 27 – Zone 4 Meeting, Gibbon
- March 29 – U of M Diabetes Update, Mpls
- March 31 – Zone 5 Meeting, Le Sueur

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	2,419	2,440
Added Members	9	131
Dropped Members	9	152
Closing Balance	2419	2,419
Net Gain/Loss	0	-21
Worldwide		1,361,869

PLATO LIONS CLUB 31ST ANNUAL SPRING BRUNCH

Sunday March 30, 2014
 Serving 9am - 12pm
 at the Plato hall

ALL YOU CAN EAT
 Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast
 and Beverage

Free Will Donations Accepted
 With proceeds going to Food Shelf

HARRY'S CORNER



Harry Klenke
First Vice District Governor

Mid-winter Convention has come and gone. I think a good time was had by everyone who attended. I personally had a good time visiting the Lions I've seen before at the convention, but even happier to meet many new Lions. I think there were more first timers at the convention than they had ever been before. It was fun seeing all the first timers who participated in the first timers contest scrambling around to get signatures. I know Past District Governor Eunice and Past International Director Maynard had a lot of papers to look at to determine the winners. I'm sure they were tired after that, but knowing Eunice and Maynard were happy to see all the first timers. The number of first timers that were on Zone 9's convention committee was impressive and they did an excellent job helping plan the convention. It showed that the good leadership of Lion's Vern and Darlene and District Governor Joan and Lion Kevin provided made everybody feel wanted and important. They listened to good ideas and let the people make them happen. The convention ran smoothly.

Fridays Memorial Service was excellent. Good job PDG Eunice, and good job by all who helped her with the service. It is especially rewarding to see all the people who attended the service.

The Mardi Gras theme for Friday night mixer was a lot of fun. The band was great and everybody seemed to enjoy their music. We are hoping to have them back next year for a back to the Sixties night. The costumes people were wearing were special. I want to thank everybody who stopped by our Hospitality Room. The Lions from Veseli and Prior Lake did a fantastic job decorating the room. We had help from Lions Joe and Dan with the bartending. They along with Lion Laura helped our crew cleanup every night. As we always say many hands make a task go much easier. I also must give a special thanks to Lion Loretta who is such a good organizer.

Saturdays Seminars were very informative and well received. Project New Hope is a very worthwhile service for our veterans. The young couple who spoke were helped by Project New Hope. If you would like more information I know Lion Darlene Wondra would be happy to come and speak to your club. The young man who spoke about Diabetes had some encouraging news about the diabetes research we are helping support with our dollars at the Parade of Green. Thanks to all who donated to the Parade of Green. The young people who participated in the "Write Off" had some inspiring words. Thanks to Lion Jim Spille for leading this project.

The Saturday Luncheon speakers showed us that the Leos program is doing well throughout the world and these young people are making a difference. Hopefully these young people will continue to serve later on as Lions.

During the business meeting I barely beat out the no votes, so you are stuck with me as next District Governor starting in July. I hope that I can serve the District well with your help.

Sunday Mornings Brunch had the Peace Poster winner and her family. She explained her poster rather well.

MARVIN'S COMMENTS



Marvin Grimm
Second Vice District Governor

"WOW" What a great Mid Winter convention. District governor Joan and Lions Kevin, Co Chairs, Vern & Darlene Bremer, and Zone 9 did a great job with the Mardi Gras theme. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. ID Stephen Glass had great messages that fit the event.

I want to thank all who came to my Hospitality Room. One measure of the success of the room is when you run out of items and need to scramble to restock so guests are satisfied. I want to congratulate the raffle winners and thank everyone for supporting the raffle. Also, thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the Hospitality Room a big success. Many people from different clubs volunteered to help make it run smoothly. Thank you to the Carver Lions for their continued support of my journey. It was a great effort by all!! We will be back in 2015!!

It was noted at the Cabinet meeting of the large number of drops in membership. We were at a plus and during January we ended up with a large minus. This is where we need to think about retention. What can we do to keep these members? Why are they leaving? If the dues are a problem, possibly a payment schedule could be worked out, semiannual, quarterly or even monthly. I know this creates more work for club officers, but maybe this would only be for a short time as members would also see the extra work involved. Maybe a follow up would help the club to understand the problem and work with the member to solve the problem. The members need to feel needed and have a say in club activities. Remember new members have new ideas and enthusiasm. Use it!!

I was very happy to see five candidates for the Hall of Fame. The sad part is, only one candidate from our District can be elected to the Hall of Fame at the MD5M Multiple convention. The other four candidates should be honored at their club and can be nominated again for the 2015 convention.

March is the start of the Spring Zone Meetings. Be sure your club is represented at these meeting. Bring a new member so they learn more about Lions. Also, Presidents and Secretaries are required to attend.

"It's the little things in life that bother us.

You can sit on a mountain but not on a tack." Author Unknown



IPDG Ron had many awards to give out from work done during his year. Also had an informative speaker from leader dog, she explained briefly about their renovations planned for their facilities to make changes to increase the dog's comfort and ease of access for the community. More details to come with this project during the year.

Great job of sending in "Zone Person of the Year" nominations. I have nominations from many of the clubs which shows we have a lot of great Lions in this District. Thank You all for your service throughout the year.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc
5M2 Posse Update



Ranch Hand
(25 tickets sold)

November

Dynamite Duo-DG Joan & Lion Kevin
Zone 5/5M2

Zone 8/5M2

January

J & J

Region 1/Zone 3/5M2

Saddle Up Lions and Stop in

@ www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

To see how the hunt is going!!



Deputy
(100 tickets sold)

November
District 5M2



Cowboys
(50 tickets sold)

November
Chaska Lions Club
Zone 2/5M2
District 5M2

WANTED

By

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
Funding for Diabetes Research

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....The Saga of the Silent Killer....

There's a silent DEADLY Killer that's still out in our communities and we need YOUR HELP to hunt it down!! Saddle Up Lions – *"We're going after Diabetes"*...we need you to join our MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Posses. Join a posse to find a CURE to fight this deadly disease!

District Posses are starting to be seen all across the State of Minnesota!! Posse Posters are hanging on every lamp post in communities who have taken up the hunt. Lions are feeling the hurt of people with diabetes!

COURT IS IN SESSION....!! District 5M5 has brought in the "JUDGE" to put the Silent Deadly Killer "Diabetes" on TRIAL in their District!! Our first district goal has been reached...let's all Congratulate 5M5!!! A Federal Marshal arrived prior to the Judge in 5M5 and another Marshal has taken the reins in 5M3. The CAPTURE has begun!

Sheriff Posses (200 tickets sold) have been organized in 5M3, 5M5, 5M8 and 5M11, but they can only cover so much territory. Diabetes has too many places to hide yet! Deputy Posses (100 tickets sold) have been formed in 5M1, 5M2, 5M3, 5M8, 5M9, 5M10 and 5M11 and they realize they need to keep growing in numbers because with the cold weather their horses can't cover as much territory! Frostbite is setting in....we need recruits!!

Cowboy Posses (50 tickets sold) in 5M1, 5M2, 5M3, 5M8, 5M9, 5M10 & 5M11 are working hard trying to cover some of the less traveled paths ~ thinking diabetes has taken to the back roads in their territory. Snow and iced up horse hooves have slowed down their hunt!

Country ranch families are supplying Ranch Hand Posses in 5M1, 5M2, 5M3, 5M5, 5M6, 5M7, 5M8, 5M9, 5M10 & 5M11 with hay for their horses. Word is water holes are frozen over and posses coffee supplies are bottoming out...other liquid supplies have been marked "medicinal only"!! But the posses are cold!! Their cry for

Saddle UP Lions! ~ Cross those county lines and JOIN OUR POSSE!

Visit us @ www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

AMERICAN DIABETES
ASSOCIATION ALERT DAY®

Take It. Share It. Step Out.

There are many faces of diabetes - it can affect anyone regardless of age, ethnicity or social status. In type 2 diabetes, often symptoms do not appear until it's too late. If left untreated, diabetes can lead to deadly complications – including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness and amputation.

Nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. A quarter of those with the disease - seven million - are unaware that they have it. Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 unless we take steps to Stop Diabetes®. With such staggering numbers - how many people in your community could be at risk or undiagnosed?

Tuesday, March 25, is the 26th Annual American Diabetes Association Diabetes Alert Day®. Alert Day, which is held every fourth Tuesday in March, is a one-day, "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

This year, we'll be encouraging people to take the Diabetes Risk Test at Facebook where they can also ask questions, engage with our community and share the test with friends and loved ones. The test's algorithm is adjusted to align with a more contemporary and accurate scoring system that enables the general public to better assess their risk for type 2 diabetes. We are also encouraging everyone to live a healthy and active lifestyle. You can be part of the movement to Stop Diabetes® and get your free Diabetes Risk Test (English or Spanish), as well as information about diabetes by visiting us on [Facebook, diabetes.org/risktest](https://www.facebook.com/diabetes.org/risktest) or by calling 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383). Walgreens is supporting the American Diabetes Association Alert Day efforts and you can ask your local Walgreens pharmacist for a copy of the Diabetes Risk Test. Although Alert Day is a one-day event, the Diabetes Risk Test is available year-round.

Studies have shown that type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed by losing just 7 percent of body weight (such as 15 pounds if you weigh 200) through regular physical activity (30 minutes a day, five days a week) and healthy eating. By understanding your risk, you can take the necessary steps to help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. For people who have already been diagnosed with diabetes – whether they have type 1 or type 2 diabetes – these same lifestyle changes can make a significant difference in their diabetes management.

I strongly urge your readers to take the Diabetes Risk Test and share the test with **everyone** you care about - friends, family members and colleagues. *"Take It. Share It. Step Out."*



5M2 Mid Winter Convention



Lion Kevin & DG Joan Blank



Lion Anna & Leo Hilary Wickenhauser and DG Joan Blank



Noon luncheon speaker Leo Sabastian Mugazambi



DG Joan Blank having fun with ID Steven Glass



Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams



DG Joan with daughter Becky and Brent Stevensen

Multiple District 5M Hall of Fame

District 5M-2 had the honor of having five Lions from the district nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame. Each Lion was very well deserving of the nomination. It is a huge honor and privilege for the following Lions to be picked from their peers for each of their distinguished years of service and leadership. The Lions nominated were:



Lion Ken Irvine – Amboy Lions

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2. PDG Marlys Meskan – Waterville Lions
3. PID Maynard Rucks – Green Isle Lions
4. Lion Cathleen Williams – NYA West Carver
5. Lion Wilfred Yetzer – Waconia Lions

This year's Hall of Fame Inductee is Lion Ken Irvine. Congratulations!



HENDERSON ROADHAUS

Lion's Bingo

Every Thursday
At 6:30 p.m.

In the Henderson Event Center



Ends on April 10

EAT * DRINK * BE MERRY

95th MD5M Multiple Convention



April 25-27, 2014

Meet Horton @ Morton MN"

Jackpot Junction Casino Resort
Morton MN

Hosted by: **Milroy Lions/5M3 Lions**
Join us for 5M3's 1st Multiple Convention!

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 25-
 8:30-10:30am Political Liaison/Council of Governors Mtg
 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Credentials
 3:30-7 p.m. Credentials
 12-2 p.m. 1st VDGE and Spouse Training
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Convention Committee Meetings(if needed)
Sergeant at Arms Resolution, Rules Convention City Election
 1:30-2:30 p.m. DGE's Meet the IV Guest
 3:00 p.m. Convention Opening Ceremonies
 3:15 p.m. Seminar- **Global Membership Team PCC Bob Jechorek**
 4 p.m. Seminar- **Quest- PDG Jack Riordan**
 4:00-6:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Pin Trading
 5:30- 7:00 p.m. PDG Social & Banquet
 6:30 p.m. 1st Timers Meeting
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Service of Remembrance
 8:30-10:00 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 8:30-11:30pm Oktoberfest/Cash Bar "NewUlm Concord Singers"



Saturday, April 26-
 6:30-8:30 a.m. Brunch
 7-8:30 a.m. Registration
 7-8:30 a.m. Credentials
 7:30-8:30 a.m. Convention Raffle Open
 7:30-8:30 a.m. Foundation Meetings- (20 minutes)
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation/Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation/ Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation
 8:30-11:30 a.m. General Business Meeting
 9-11 a.m. Seminar- Non-Lions/Guests
 10-11:30 a.m. Leo's Seminar
 11:30 am-4:30 pm Pin Trading
 11:30-1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon (Peace Poster/ Hall of Fame)
 1:30 p.m. Pin Traders Meeting
 1:30-5:30 p.m. Convention Raffle Open
 1:45-4:15 p.m. Seminar Speakers
 1:45-2:30 p.m. *Alzheimers Panel*
 2:40-3:25 p.m. *Soles 4 Souls*
 3:30-4:15 p.m. *Dog Guides of Canada*
 4:30 p.m. MN Lions Diabetes Fndtn Drawing
 5:15-6 p.m. Meet & Greet 2nd VDGE & Spouses
 5:15 p.m. Social & Cash Bar
 5:30 p.m. DG, DGE, PID & Guests Reception
 6:30-11:00 p.m. Banquet followed by Entertainment
Speaker: PID Haynes Townsend
 Entertainment: Scott Hansen & Co.

Sunday, April 27-
 7:15-8:00 a.m. PDG Meeting
 7:15-8:00 a.m. International Convention Meeting
 8-9 a.m. Registration
 8:00-8:45 a.m. Ecumenical Service
 9:00-11 a.m. Brunch
 Tail Twisting/Raffle
 Speaker: Can Do Canines
 Closing Business Session
 2014 Convention Report
 Adjournment
 11 a.m. Past Council Chairs & Council Chair Elect Meeting





Match Strikes!

Lion Alan Tellers – Cologne Lions – for being on mission trip to Honduras, distributing eyeglasses to people in need in surrounding villages.

Lion Lauretta Whittle – Veseli Lions – for taking the initiative to create club newsletter and her passion for “getting the word” out about Lions

Mid-Winter Match Strikes

PDG Eunice Rucks – Arlington Lions – for organizing the beautiful “Service of Remembrance” and the fun and highly competitive “First Timers” contest. Nice job!

Lions Vern and Darlene Bremer – Minnesota Lake Lions – for chairing a very successful Mid-Winter Convention

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg – Alden Lions – for taking the role of registration chair for the convention committee

Lion Karen Erickson – Alden Lions – for taking the role of Treasurer for the convention committee

Zone 9 Clubs – Albert Lea Cloverleaf, Albert Lea LakeView, Alden, Blue Earth, Kiester, Minnesota Lake, Wells – for pulling together and working as a great team

DGE Harry and Lion Loretta Klenke – Prior Lake Lions – for a fabulous hospitality room

1st VDGE Marv and Lion Evelyn Grimm – Carver Lions – for another fabulous hospitality room

Lion Darlene Wondra – Montgomery Lions - for being a gracious host to Project New Hope speaker Zach Robertson and his family

Lion Steve and PID Debra Wasserman – Faribault Lions – for making travel arrangements for International Director Steve and Lion Cindy Glass and being great hosts to the both of them.

Lion Shirley Hespeneide – Le Sueur Lions – for being a great host to Leader Dogs for the Blind speaker Lion Pauline Ulrey and her Leader Dog, Gundy.

Lion Cathy Van Hove – Kiester Lions – for her presentation and volunteer service to Camp Sweet Life.

Lion Jim Spille – Norwood Young America Lions – for another successful and inspiring Write Off Contest

Leos Sabastian Mugazambi, Jordon Knutson, Attrea Ferro Schug and Hilary Wickenhauser – Cologne Leos - for their luncheon presentations

Lion Wanda Breimhorst (Jordan Jordaness Lions), **Lions Charlette and Lowell Abbas** (Courtland Lions) and **Lion Bill Bowman** (Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions) – for being on the Elections Committee

Lion Chuck Brooks – Wells Lions- for providing a very meaningful ecumenical church service.

PDG Sue Bowman – Albert Lea LakeView Lions – and **Lion Paula Stephens** – Cologne Lions – for a successful Peace Poster Contest

Dear Lion,

As Lions, we care about our communities and about the health and well-being of others. This is a theme that can be seen around the world. Maybe you've held health screenings as a club, or maybe you have even received a Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant to provide needed medical equipment or services in your community. But I know that one thing is certain – Lions want to help people have a better life.



Wayne A. Madden

A few years ago, Lions and LCIF embarked on a pilot initiative to help vulnerable communities where measles is prominent. Lions in those communities wanted to be involved. Three years later, LCIF solidified a partnership with the GAVI Alliance to continue helping children in those vulnerable communities.

Lions' ability to identify and meet needs, no matter the size, makes a real difference in the lives of others – a quality that is recognized by LCIF's partners. Past District Governor Aruna Oswal and I recently had the opportunity to gather with more than 30 CEOs, senior executives and government leaders, including Bill Gates, at a GAVI Alliance hosted event. We convened in Switzerland to discuss global health and immunization, and the importance of the private sector's role.

Whether measles is a deadly threat in your community or not, there is a need for vaccination efforts globally. Measles still kills more than 300 people each day, and creates lasting health issues for many others. By working with the GAVI Alliance, more than 114 million children will be vaccinated against measles.

Thank you for your support with this initiative. I am looking forward to celebrating Lions' achievements and goals during World Immunization Week in April this year.



Front row: Darlene Bremer, DG Joan Blank, Kevin Blank, Maxine Daly. 2nd row: Donna Schroeder, Wendy Mays, Jim More, Vern Bremer, Matt Daly, Greg Sonnek. Back row: Ted Mays, Deb Ramsley, John Vaubel, Bill Daly, Craig Schroeder

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Joan Blank
SM-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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Nicollet, MN 56074



CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

Cologne Lions are sponsoring an event for the community to give back to the men and women serving our country.

Please join us on Saturday, March 22, 2014

From 9:00 am until done

At Cologne Academy

1221 S. Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322

Complimentary lunch will be provided by the Cologne Leo Club

Our goal is to make 1500 handmade greeting cards. The cards will be mailed to Scrapping for Soldiers, an organization that will forward our cards to deployed military personnel so they can use them to send home to family members. For information on how the program works, check out their website at www.scrappingforsoldiers.com. If you know a service member overseas, please bring their address so we can make sure cards are sent directly to them.

Donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to help cover the cost of postage and materials. No experience in card making is needed, there are many ways to help. All materials are cut and ready to be assembled. Please join us for a morning of sharing and caring.

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate or you have a friend or loved one you would like cards sent to, please contact :

Lion Judy at 952-466-2690

Peace Poster Chair IPDG Ron Dahlke with the Peace Poster Winners sponsored by the Glencoe Lions, Lily Schmitt from St. Pius X School and Emmi Jarabek from Lincoln Jr. High.



Mark your calendars ~ June 7, 2014

Winter getting you down? Looking forward to spring flowers, green grass, flowering trees, warm sunshine, root-beer floats and grilling with friends? Then **mark your calendars for June 7, 2014** and come out to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska for the

Third Annual D-Feet Fundraiser walk sponsored by the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation.

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Free event t-shirt
- Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

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